Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Emmitt Lee Blackwell.

WHEREAS,

EMMITT LEE BLACKWELL

passed from this life on March 14, 2016, at the age of 93, and a memorial service was held on March 21, 2016 at Cross Lutheran Church, 1812 N. 16 St; and

WHEREAS, Emmitt Lee Blackwell was born on January 29, 1923 in Mayersville, Mississippi to Norman and Virginia Blackwell, received his formal education in the Lake Providence, Louisiana Public School System, enlisted with the Civilian Conservation Corps at the age of 17, and specialized in Carpentry, Brick masonry and Electrical wiring; and

WHEREAS, Emmitt Lee Blackwell served for four years in the United States Army and in 1947 he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and worked in the building trades helping to construct such icons as the First Wisconsin Center, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company buildings, Marine Bank, both Blue Cross & Blue Shield buildings, and The Grand Avenue Mall, and after more than 50 years he retired on August 31, 1985, hobbies included barbequing, playing cards, listening to music, and fixing things around the house; and

WHEREAS, Emmitt Lee Blackwell is survived by his wife Kaylynn, sisters Leola Blackwell and Cothena Brown, children Deloris Blackwell, Sonya Adams, Jennifer Adams, Brian Adams and Pam Groce, step-children Kaneetha Murray and Kevin France, 17 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, one special great-grandchild Kai Noelle, nieces, nephews, and other dear relatives and friends; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Emmitt Lee Blackwell and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Emmitt Lee Blackwell.

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Jim Bohl and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 29, 2016.